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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of: Whitman et al.**

**Serial No.: 09/996,423**

**Filed: November 28, 2001**

**For: SPIN COATING FOR MAXIMUM  
FILL CHARACTERISTIC YIELDING A  
PLANARIZED THIN FILM SURFACE**

**Confirmation No.: 2810**

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This Amendment is being filed in response to the final rejections presented in the Final Office Action mailed on June 2, 2005, and following the Advisory Action and Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on August 31, 2005, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expired on September 2, 2005. This response is being submitted with a petition for a one month extension of time and the appropriate fee.

Amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks start at page 6 of this paper.